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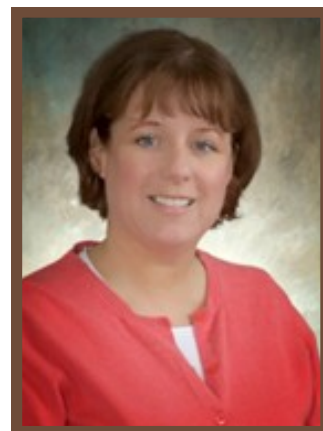
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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT: LAURA OWENS

In the words of Mohandas Gandhi, "A nation's culture resides in the hearts and in the soul of its people." This is a time in Illinois when many are struggling with finding steady employment and keeping food on the table to provide a healthy life style for their loved ones. We may be struggling ourselves, but let's be there for them! Nothing feeds the soul more than compassion and kindness. GSU student enrollment is increasing. This past graduation class was GSU's largest ever! As Civil Service staff members - both as a unit, and as individuals - we have a wonderful opportunity to impact these students' lives in a positive way. Reach out when you hear

a voice in distress, or take a few extra minutes to allow someone to express his or her frustrations. So often it really is nothing personal; maybe just a little thing that was the tip of a bad day, yet it is something they need to voice. Be that sounding board. Civil Service has the opportunity to impact what students (or co-workers) reflect upon when they remember their time at GSU - and our disposition will determine whether they remember it fondly or with dismay. A smile to someone passing by, a polite "May I help you?" to someone who looks lost, or just taking the time to listen makes a difference. Pay compli-

ments forward. When you are given a compliment on something, try and think who else might have been involved and let that person know their work was appreciated. Any one of these simple things can make a person's day. How cool is that?



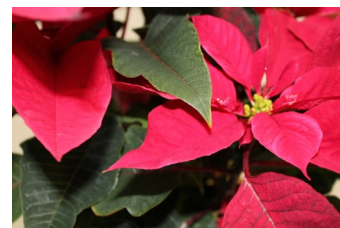
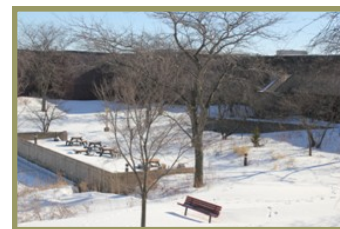
Laura Owens

CIVIL SERVICE SENATE: MISSION STATEMENT

The Civil Service Senate works to promote scholarship and morale and protects the rights and benefits of the civil service constituency.

The Civil Service Senate helps promote:

- Quality Instruction and Scholarship by helping to create a positive University experience for students by supporting civil service employee continuing education through scholarship.
- Innovation and Improved Productivity by promoting a positive work environment through morale building events. This helps to create efficiency through increased productivity.
- Enhanced Collaboration and Partnerships by encouraging unity through special events and collaborative efforts with students, faculty, community, and staff.



CIVIL SERVICE SENATE: OUR PURPOSE

The Senate shall recommend policies and procedures concerning Civil Service affairs, evaluations, salary, merit, Civil Service education and development, Civil Service governance, grievances, and campus physical resources. The Civil Service Senate shall advise on the specific decisions, which may be made under any of these policies and

in a manner which shall be set forth in the by-laws of the Civil Service Senate .

This advisement shall be limited to those decision not specifically covered or stipulated by a ratified Civil Service union agreement and those not in the process of bargaining. [Back to Page 1](#)

SENATE OFFICERS AND SENATORS

Civil Service Senate as of 11/10/2010

Executive Officers:

President:

Laura Owens

Vice President:

Sheryl Jones-Harper
(Personnel Resolution Chair)

Recording Secretary:

Lynne Clayton
(Scholarship Committee Chair/
Affairs Committee Co-Chair)

Financial Secretary: Joyce
Giroux

Correspondence Secretary:
Tiffani Malvin

Senate Members:

Marlene
Lees (CS Newsletter)
Kathy Miller (Council of Councils
co-chair/ex-officio)
Eric Nicholson (Governance
Committee Chair)
Andrea Dal Polo (Affairs Com-
mittee Chair)
Karen Sinwelski (Council of
Councils, Co-Chair)
Pam Taylor (Employee of the
Month Chair)
Cindy Woodard (Executive Com-
mittee member at large)
Karen Stuenkel (Council of
Councils, Co-Chair)

Paula Cosenza
Shelina Jenkins
Sandi Kawanna
Renee Rainey
Ann Jaso
Gina Ragland
Crystal Richards
Raquel Rios-Aguirre
Kelly Robinson
Pat Smith
(1 open seat)

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Senate Meeting Dates

March 8, 2011
April 12, 2011
May 10, 2011
June 14, 2011
July 12, 2011
August 9, 2011
September 13, 2011
October 11, 2011
November 15, 2011

*Correction: CS Review
December, 2010 Issue*

*Email sent indicated B1516
as the meeting room. The
correct meeting room is
D1496. Apologies for any
inconvenience due to this
error.*

All meetings are held
in Room D1496.

Location subject to
availability. Notification will
be provided if there are
schedule changes.

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SENATE AFFAIRS COMMITTEE—NEW CHAIRPERSONS

The Civil Service Senate recently honored Senator Renee Rainey of the University Library with cake, beverages, and thanks for her many years of dedication as the Affairs Committee chairperson. Every person on campus felt the results of her efforts as they enjoyed the GSU picnic, Civil Service Day, the Carnation and Bake Sales, to name a few of the many successful events she organized.

During my term as Senate President, I had the pleasure of working with Renee. I always thought of us as a team. We shopped together, planned together, and supported each other without question. Renee was always willing to support ideas put forth to expand the efforts of the Senate to raise money and moral among the staff. She worked tirelessly and never asked anyone to do anything she wasn't willing to do herself.

She has put in countless hours working

in front of and behind the scenes to bring you the best results. Renee has endured blizzards, 100 degree temperatures, and even a tornado, to make sure all events were well supplied and running smoothly. Renee's warm and inviting smile, her familiar laughter, along with her giving nature is just a small part of why she will be missed as Chairperson.

The new co-chairs of the Civil Service Affairs Committee are Lynne Clayton, Office Manager, COE, Dean's Office, ext. 3075, e-mail: lcayton@govst.edu and Andrea DalPolo, Administrative Clerk, COE, Dean's Office, ext.4582, e-mail: adalpolo@govst.edu. I know they have learned a lot under Renee's leadership and will benefit having had her to serve before them. I want to thank Renee for being a wonderful leader, my partner in the Senate, and for providing the GSU staff with wonderful, organized events for the past seven years.

-Kathy Miller

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CIVIL SERVICE EDUCATION ASSISTANCE AWARD

The award was established to encourage GSU Civil Service employees, spouses, and dependent children to further their education and promote career advancement and self-improvement.

The award is underwritten through contributions and fundraising activities by the Civil Service Senate.

The Civil Service Educational Assistance Award application deadline for Summer 2011 is **Friday, June 3rd**.

The Civil Service Educational Assistance Award application deadline for Fall, 2011 is **Friday, September 23**.

-Lynne Clayton

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CIVIL SERVICE DAY 2010

He did not know
he had won !



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The *talent*
of GSU
Civil Service
Employees.



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CIVIL SERVICE DAY 2011

Always memorable.....



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TRAVEL ROUTE 66 IN ILLINOIS - TIP OF THE MONTH

Travel Route 66 in Illinois

With the sagging economy and the high cost of fuel expected this spring and summer, most families won't be able to take those long leisurely family vacations. So if you're looking for a way to plan a vacation, why not have it in your own backyard? You can plan weekend or day trips right here in Illinois.

Travel the most famous highway of all time, historic Route 66, also known as the "Mother Road".

There are over 300 miles of museums, mom & pop businesses and historic sites!

Starting at Grant Park, west bound on Adams and Michigan in downtown Chicago, the highway is clearly marked with brown and white Route 66 signs making it easy to follow. Once out of the city, it parallels I-55 all the way to St. Louis! But stay on the highway, don't miss a single thing! Friends don't let friends drive I-55. Travel all 300 plus miles or 10 miles, you're sure to find something for everyone in your family.

Eat in diners that serve comfort food. The Palms Café in Atlanta (Illinois) has been restored to its glory days, famous for their pies and fried spam sandwiches. Taste the creaminess of soft serve at Whirl-a-Whip in Gerard (Illinois). Visit the Route 66 Hall of Fame Museum in Pontiac (Illinois) or the award winning Standard Oil Station in Odell. Also a must see is the Joliet Route 66 Experience. Plan an afternoon to visit Wilmington for their antique shops. There is truly something for

everyone on Route 66!

The Route 66 communities have events planned all spring and summer! Take advantage of them, you and the family will see a side of Illinois you never knew existed. For complete information on Route 66 in Illinois visit the Route 66 Association of Illinois website.

www.il66assoc.org/

Here are few spring and summer events you can attend!

THE 5th ANNUAL ILLINOIS RT. 66 RED CARPET CORRIDOR FESTIVAL
MAY 7-8, 2011

It is all about family fun on the most famous road in America - Route 66. This year's Red Carpet Corridor Festival will take place on Saturday, May 7, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, May 8, from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m.. Sponsored by the twelve communities that make up the 90-mile linear museum from Joliet to Towanda, the annual festival invites everyone to experience the good life in the slow lane. Each community will produce its own events. From full-blown festivals to antique and craft sales, art sales, car and motorcycle shows, live entertainments, and plenty of yard, garage, and sidewalk sales along the way, everyone is sure to discover something unique. New this year is the Red Carpet Corridor Passport. Inside the passport are listings with information about each individual town's weekend events.

Travelers can pick up their passport at their first stop and then

have their passport stamped in each of the towns they visit.

Food, snacks, and treats will be in abundance, and there are plenty of historic sites, outstanding free museums, and unique mom & pop businesses to help create a nostalgic journey for all to enjoy. Visitors can simply enjoy the drive, or stop and get out of the car to paint a mural, have their picture taken with Elvis, or do a little shopping in any of the great stores along the Mother Road.

www.il66redcarpetcorridor.org/

THE CHAMPAGNE BRITISH CAR FESTIVAL JUNE 4-6

Celebrating its 20th anniversary on the tree-lined grounds of the beautiful David Davis Mansion in Bloomington, Illinois

<http://www.il66assoc.org/event/british-cars-get-their-kicks-route-66>

THE ROUTE 66 ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS ANNUAL MOTOR TOUR 2011

"LOVE, PEACE AND THE MOTHER ROAD - THE BOB WALDMIRE TOUR"

JUNE 10, 11 & 12, 2011

Our Motor Tour is an annual three-day event sponsored by the...

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Route 66 Association of Illinois. Since 1989 the event has been scheduled for the second weekend of June. The Motor Tour provides an opportunity to drive and appreciate the attractions along our stretch of Route 66.

www.il66assoc.com/content/motor-tour-2011

PONTIAC-OAKLAND AUTO MUSEUM GRAND OPENING

JULY 21 - 24, 2011

Thursday Evening, July 21 - Tim Dye presents: The History of the Pontiac Automobile - 7:30 p.m. at the Chautauqua Park Pavilion. Free Admission.

Join us for a BBQ Cookout before Tim's presentation. Thursday evening at the picnic pavilion in the park beginning at 6 p.m. \$10 per person.

<http://visitpontiac.org/>

-Kathy Miller



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VALENTINES DAY AND THE CARNATION SALE

The ever popular

*Valentines Day
Carnation Sale*

once again proved to be a great success.

Thank you to everyone who supported this popular event!

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CIVIL SERVICE SENATE ELECTIONS

Civil Service Senate elections are coming up in April. Look for an official announcement and a blank petition form by the end of March.

ANY member of the Governors State University Civil Service constituency, with one year of service on a full-time basis by the date of the election, is eligible for election to the Senate. All candidates, including incumbent Senators whose terms expire **June 30, 2011**, must complete and submit nominating petitions in order to appear for re-election on the April ballot.

NOMINATING PETITIONS must be received **NO LATER THAN 5p.m. Friday, April 8, 2011.**

ELECTION BALLOTS will be distributed among eligible Civil Service Employees no later than Monday, April 25, 2011. Completed ballots are to be returned to (Eric Nicholson), Civil Service Senate Election Committee Chair, in the University Library either through campus mail or direct delivery to the circulation desk in the Library.

NO LATER THAN 5 pm on Friday, April 29, 2011.

Election results will be made available following the Election Committee count on **Monday, May 1, 2011**. Candidates will have five (5) working days to file written challenges with the Election Committee regarding election results.

Please mark your calendars for this important event.

-Eric Nicholson

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SPRING OPEN MARKET

The Civil Service Senate's annual Spring Open Market will be held on Wednesday, May 4 – just in time for Mother's Day shopping. Last year's fair attracted over 30 vendors and crafters, and we expect more this year. New vendors are always welcome. More information will be forthcoming, but be sure to save the date and prepare to shop!

-Karen Keil Stuenkel

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SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Valentines Day Carnation Sale

February 14, 2011

Penny Wars

Starts Monday, February 14, 2011

Ends Thursday, March 10, 2011

"Pot O Gold" Scavenger Hunt

Thursday March 17, 2011

Civil Service Senate Elections Deadline

Friday April 29, 2011

Spring Open Market

May 4, 2011

GSU Fly In

May 12, 2011

Bake Sale

May 13, 2011

Civil Service Day

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Important Dates

Thursday, March 17

"Pot O Gold" Scavenger Hunt - New Event

Friday, April 8

Senate Election petition deadline

Friday, April 29

Senate election ballot completion deadline

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